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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON US LEGISLATION ON BAD CHECKS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM HABIB BOURGUIBA JR., PRESIDENT OF BANK ASSOCIATION, FOR PROVISIONS IN US LEGISLATION REGARDING UNCOLLECTABLE CHECKS DUE TO INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. ASSOCIATION CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING CHANGES IN TUNISIAN LEGISLATION RE BAD CHECKS AND DESIRES KNOWLEDGE OF PRACTICES IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES FOR COMPARATIVE PURPOSES. BOURGUIBA JR. STATED HE INTERESTED IN SUCH ASPECTS AS EXTENT CRIMINAL CODE INVOLVED, LIMITS OF POSSIBLE PENALTIES (FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT) POSSIBLE LIABILITY OF BANK AGAINST WHICH CHECK IS DRAW, LIABILITY OF INTERMEDIARIES HANDLING CHECKS, ETC.

2. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIPT BY AIR POUCH OF SUITABLE MATERIAL TO GIVE BOURGUIBA JR. AND ASSOCIATION. WE UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE UNIFORM BANKING CODE INCORPORATED IN LEGISLATION OF MOST STATES WHICH MAY HAVE SECTION ON BAD CHECKS. ALSO SOME SECTIONS IN PENAL CODES PRESUMABLY APPLY TO SUCH CHECKS AND WOULD BE USEFUL. PERHAPS LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE KNOWS OF AND COULD PROVIDE COPY OF ARTICLE OR OTHER STUDY ON TREATMENT OF THIS SUBJECT UNDER VARIOUS LEGAL SYSTEMS. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE WHEN MATERIAL POUCHED SO WE CAN INFORM ASSOCIATION. SEELYE

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